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There is no question that Microsoft used its desktop monopoly and a free web browser to destroy their browser opponents. This was down because people enjoyed using the browser interface in lieu of the GUI that is part of Windows, and Microsoft knew that if anyone ever put a different operating system under another popular browser interface, they would lose their desktop monopoly.

The only way to rectify this malicious monopolistic act that has and still is wreaking havoc with other browser and operating system purveyors is for Microsoft to release all code for version 5.5 Microsoft Internet Explorer Browser including that for any underlying DLL/OCX's to the public domain.

This action would rectify their action with regards to other browsers and operating systems, and any claim of financial harm would be groundless because after all, they claim to offer this product free.

This does not address their latest actions with regard to other products such as media players, but the release of the above mentioned code, and the operating systems that would soon use it, would deal with that problem in due time.

The only other area needing addressing is to require Microsoft to publish all the Windows Operating System API so others can develop programs for the operating system. Even if you did not do this, it would not be a problem because the release of the browser code would lead to alternative desktop operating systems making in roads. To date Windows has offered no free Internet Browser for Linux. Its the only thing holding back Linux desktops. They make IE(older versions) for HP and SUN Unix because they know no one uses them for the personal desktop.

Microsoft knows that any solution that neglects releasing the browser code to the public domain is a win for Microsoft.

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